

THROWN FROM TRAIN TO DEATH?

Young Charles Scranton
Found Dead on the Penn-
sylvania Track.

Was on His Way from This City
to Visit His Widowed
Mother.

His Pocket Was His Sister's Letter
Telling How They Missed
Him at Home.

CAME HERE TO SEEK FORTUNE.

Valise Near the Track Suggests That the
Youth May Have Fallen Pass-
ing from One Car to
Another.

Mystery surrounds the death of Charles
Scranton, a fine featured, well dressed
youth of twenty years, whose body was
found on the tracks of the Pennsylvania
Railroad, midway between Monmouth
Junction and Adams Station, at an early
hour yesterday morning. It was first dis-
covered by the engineer of the west-bound
train, known as the 7.30. He saw the
body lying on the embankment near the
track, and, pulling up his train, had it
taken aboard.

At Dean's Station County Physician Long
examined the body. In an inside pocket of
the coat was found an addressed envelope
bearing the name of C. H. Scranton, No. 11
Matthews street, Rochester N. Y. Investi-
gation proved that such was the name of
the dead man. From other papers it was
learned that he was a nephew of Isaac
Scranton, vice-president of the Hayden
Furniture Company, at No. 1 West Thirty-
fourth street, this city.

It is believed that the young man met
his death in an accidental manner. Pas-
senger train No. 43, of the Pennsylvania
Railroad, passes "Hows Crossing," near
Monmouth Junction, where the body lay,
earlier in the morning and it is thought
that the young man was a passenger on
the train and fell from the platform of one
of the cars while passing from it to another.
Scranton left his lodgings at No. 214
West Fourteenth street immediately after
the New Year's dinner, at 3 o'clock on Fri-
day afternoon. He bade all the boarders
good-by, and with a grip in either hand he
started for the Fourteenth street station of
the Sixth avenue "L."

"I am going to my home in Rochester,"
he said, as he shook hands with the peo-
ple in the house. He was in a cheerful
frame of mind, though generally of a quiet
and retiring disposition.

"I cannot believe he is dead," said Miss
Dugan, the landlady, yesterday. He was
a quiet, delicate young fellow, had been
in the house a few weeks, and came to us
well recommended. He had no employment
that I knew of, but his bills were always
settled, and we thought very well of him."

H. A. Crowell, who lives at No. 338 West
Fourteenth street, and who was a friend
of young Scranton, said last night that the
last time he saw him was on New Year's
Eve.

"We separated at an early hour," he
said. "That was the last I saw of him. I
have known Scranton for several years,
both in this city and in Rochester, where
his people live. He is very well connect-
ed."

"I met Scranton shortly after he came to
the city from Rochester," said David Fin-
ley, of No. 219 West Fourteen th street,
last night. "He did not drink and had no
bad habits that I know of."

Other young men who knew Scranton
during his short stay in town speak highly
of him. Last night Edward Scranton, a
cousin, went to New Brunswick and iden-

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ONLY THE CHILD DEAD.

Mrs. D. Strauss and Her Little Daughter
Asphyxiated in Their
Flat.

Mrs. D. Strauss, twenty-five years old,
and her child Etta, three years old, were
asphyxiated by gas in the parlor of their
flat at No. 1527 Fifth avenue, yesterday
afternoon. The child died soon after they
were found. Four physicians were work-
ing over Mrs. Strauss late last night, and
it was thought her life would be saved.

D. Strauss, whose name appears in the
lower hallway, would not give any informa-
tion. His brother, however, said Mr.
Strauss had returned from business at 5:30
o'clock and found Mrs. Strauss and the
child lying together on a lounge in the
parlor.

Gas was escaping from a break in a rub-
ber tube leading from the gas pipe to a
gas stove. Both were unconscious.

MISS SPRECKELS ELOPES.

Daughter of Claus Spreckels, the Sugar
King, Quietly Wedded to a San
Francisco Broker.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—Miss Emma
Spreckels, the daughter of Claus Spreck-
els, sugar king and multi-millionaire, was
secretly married at San Jose, last Wednes-
day, to Thomas Watson, a well-known
grain broker, of this city. The marriage
was kept secret from the family for sev-
eral days, and the news only leaked out
to-day, when some of Mr. Watson's inti-
mate friends made the matter public.

Mr. Watson's friends on 'Change are de-
lighted at the good fortune of their busi-
ness associate, for Miss Spreckels, who is
twenty-eight years old, is already worth
between one and two million dollars, and
will inherit several millions on the death
of her father. What Claus Spreckels and
his family think of the marriage nobody
knows, for they have refused to be inter-
viewed. The general opinion, however, is
that the sugar king feels keenly disap-
pointed that his daughter should have taken
so important a step without consulting him.

Thomas Watson is an Englishman, a na-
tive of Liverpool, and on the sunny side
of fifty. His friends, who are very nume-
rous, have always believed him a bachelor.
He has, however, been a widower for many
years, and that fact that his wife died be-
fore he came to this country doubtless en-
couraged that belief. He first came into
prominence in the big wheat deal of 1887.
In that memorable fight he opposed the
Nevada bank ring, and contributed in no
small degree to the collapse of that giantic
effort to corner the market.

Since then he has been looked upon as an
authority on grain matters, and has built
up for himself a good brokerage business.
Mr. Watson has been acquainted with the
Spreckels family for five or six years. Both
John D. and Adolph Spreckels have always
found in him a genial companion. He is
a very handsome man, above the average
height, his whole appearance being that of
a well-to-do Englishman.

PRINCESS SHORT OF CASH.

American Girl Who Eloped with a Gypsy
May Go on the Stage—She
Defends Her Conduct.

Brussels, Jan. 2.—The elopement of
Princess Chimay and her recent conduct
have become the talk of all Europe. The
Princess to-day sent a long letter to a
newspaper here, in which she said:

I come from a country where men and
women are, perhaps, not more infallible than
elsewhere, but they have the courage of their
opinions, if need be. It is stupid to talk
of falsehood and calumny. I followed the
fashion of engaging in a matrimonial union
of nobility and rank with nobility and
money—noblesse bleson et noblesse argent—
and I was wrong. Instead of practising hy-
pocrisy, I preferred to leave the conjugal
roof. My marriage with Rigo is, moreover,
a thing now quite settled.

The Princess declares that there is noth-
ing for which she can reproach the Prince,
her husband.

A dispatch received here from Budapest
to-day records the rumor that the Princess,
for want of money, will appear as a singer
in a cafe chantant.

CRISIS IN SPAIN ALMOST AT HAND.

The Whole Nation Is Thrilled with
an Overpowering Sense of
Impending Disaster.

Government Strives to Divert Attention from the
Cleveland-Olney-De Lome Conspiracy
to Crush Cuba.

Announcement of the Granting of Ad-
ministrative Reforms Merely a Diplo-
matic Effort to Deceive the
American Congress.

By James Creelman.

Madrid, Jan. 2.—The revelations con-
tained in my dispatches to the Journal
have been such a profound shock to
the Spanish Government that the
Epoca, the ministerial organ, has an-
nounced that the American Minister
visited my hotel to ask me to leave
Spain. The truth is that Mr. Taylor
simply came to dine with me.

The whole power of the Government
is being exerted to divert attention
from the conspiracy of President Cleve-
land, Secretary Olney and Minister De
Lome to smash the Cuban Republic
and force the insurgent armies to ac-
cept the mock reforms which, the Of-
ficial Gazette of Madrid has announced,
have been granted to Porto Rico.

The whole nation is thrilled with a
sense of impending danger. The Im-
parcial and the Heraldo, two of the
greatest newspapers in Spain, have
horrified the country by boldly telling
the truth about the wholesale corrup-
tion of Spanish officers in Cuba.

Everybody knows that Captain-Gen-
eral Weyler's campaign has proved a
complete failure, and there is general
talk of revolution in Spain. Canovas
has ordered the prosecution of the two

COMMODORE LOST; HER CREW SAVED.

Famous Filibustering Steamer
Believed to Have Been Scut-
tled by Some Traitor.

She Had on Board Half a Ton of Dynamite and a
Valuable Cargo of Weapons for
the Cuban Insurgents.

Her Crew Forced to Take to the Boats
Part of Them Reach Jackson-
ville and the Others Go
to Oramond, Fla.

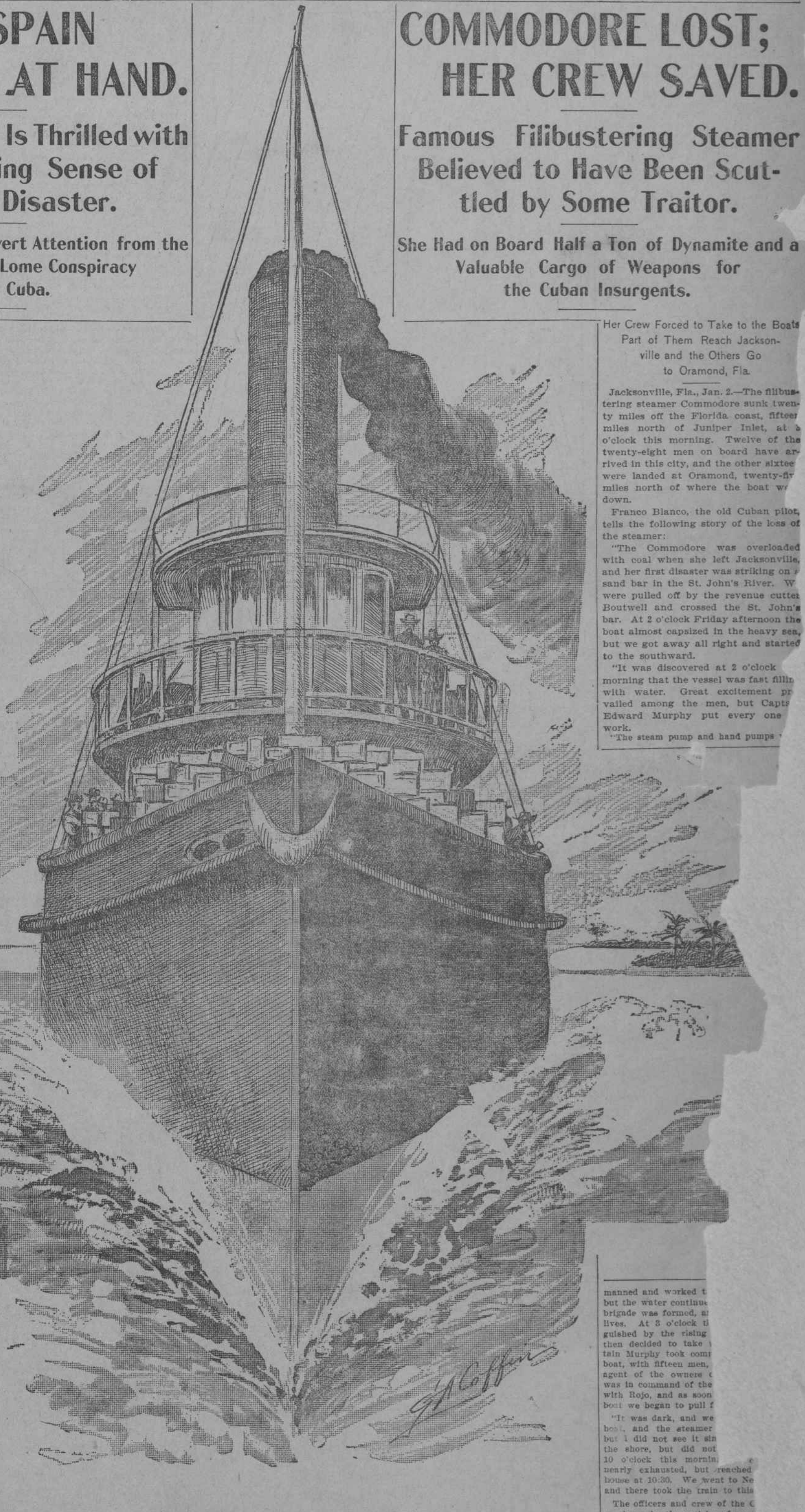
Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 2.—The filibus-
tering steamer Commodore sunk twenty
miles off the Florida coast, fifteen
miles north of Juniper Inlet, at 2
o'clock this morning. Twelve of the
twenty-eight men on board have ar-
rived in this city, and the other sixteen
were landed at Oramond, twenty-five
miles north of where the boat was
down.

Franco Blanco, the old Cuban pilot,
tells the following story of the loss of
the steamer:

"The Commodore was overloaded
with coal when she left Jacksonville,
and her first disaster was striking on a
sand bar in the St. John's River. We
were pulled off by the revenue cutter
Boutwell and crossed the St. John's
bar. At 2 o'clock Friday afternoon the
boat almost capsized in the heavy sea,
but we got away all right and started
to the southward.

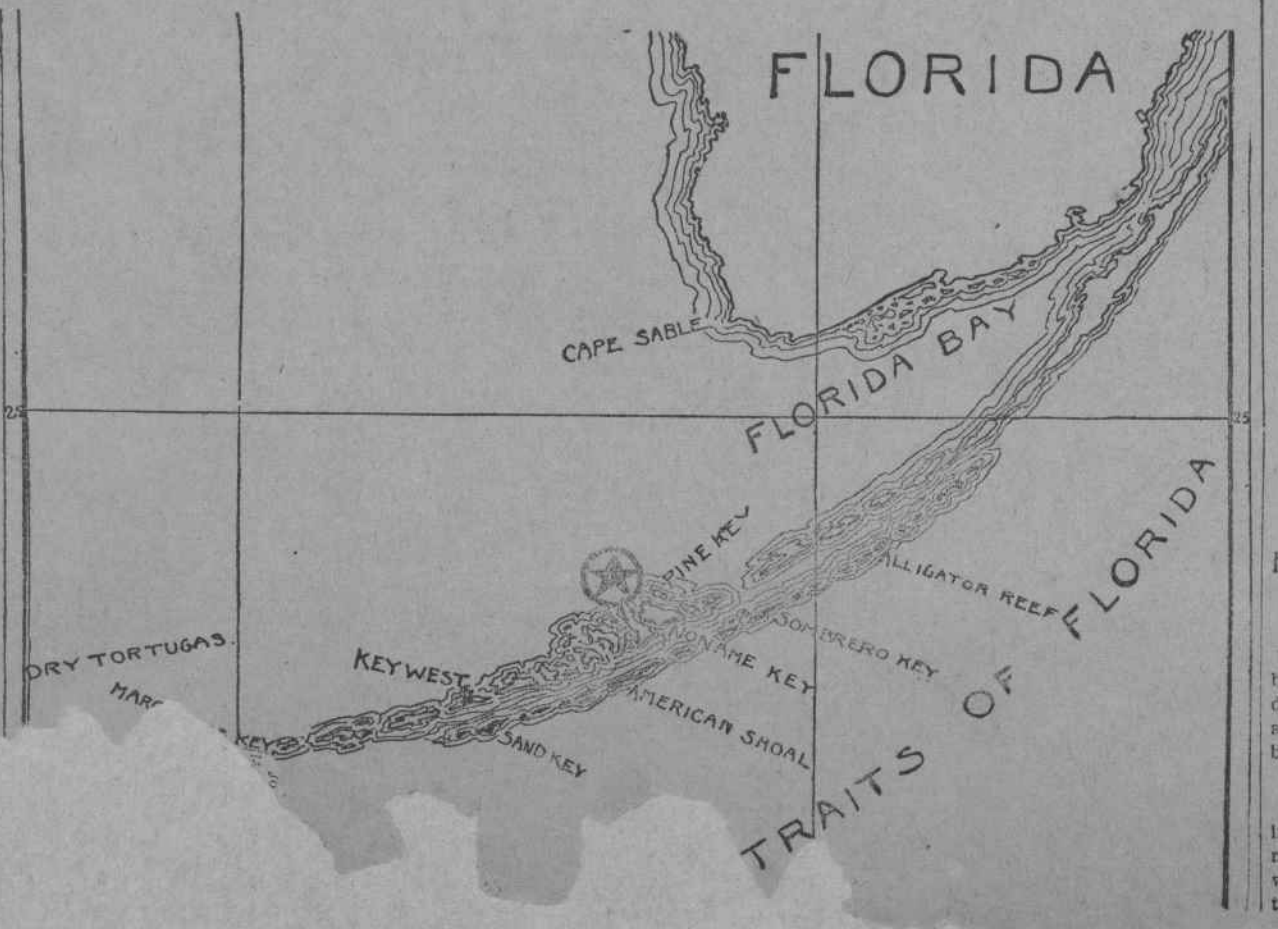
"It was discovered at 2 o'clock
morning that the vessel was fast fill-
ing with water. Great excitement pre-
vailed among the men, but Capt.
Edward Murphy put every one to
work.

"The steam pump and hand pumps



Location of the Keys on Which the Filibusters Took Refuge.

They were landed from the steamer Three Friends, having found it im-
possible to get ashore in Cuba, owing to the presence of Spanish war ves-
sels, with which the filibuster had a running sea fight. After several days
of hardship the members of the party were taken off by another steamer,
and again sailed for Cuba. The cross in the cut indicates the key from
which their departure was made.



Filibuster Steamer Commodore, Sunk Yesterday 20 Miles Off the Coast of Florida.

She carried twenty-eight men on board, bound for Cuba, and they were all saved, although the vessel and
her valuable cargo of arms ammunition and stores were totally destroyed.

brave newspapers and has also con-
demned four others to rigid censor-
ship, in order to prevent news from
being telegraphed from Madrid.

Ablaze with Wild Excitement.

Sagasta is leading the Liberal party
in a general attack upon the Govern-
ment. The Republicans are ablaze
with excitement. The bankruptcy of
the nation can no longer be concealed.

Never were there so many beggars in
the streets of Spanish cities. Poverty
holds up its famished arms to God in
witness of the iniquity and incapacity
of Spain.

Every day brings news from Cuba
that the insurgents have again been
victorious, and that millions of dollars
sent to prosecute the war there find
their way into the pockets of dishonest

officials. The Spaniards are beginning
to hear stories of their soldiers starved
through corruption in the army.

The country cannot stand heavier
taxes. The financial credit of the na-
tion is gone. Weyler is silent, and it
is at such a moment that President
Cleveland proposes to assist Spain to
overthrow an American Republic. It

manned and worked to
but the water continued
brigade was formed, at
lives. At 3 o'clock it
gushed by the rising
then decided to take
tain Murphy took com-
boat, with fifteen men,
agent of the owners
was in command of the
with Rojo, and as soon
boat we began to pull

"It was dark, and we
boat, and the steamer
but I did not see it sin
the shore, but did not
10 o'clock this mornin
nearly exhausted, but
house at 10:30. We went to Ne
and there took the train to this

The officers and crew of the C
as shown by the articles of agree
in the Custom House, were as fo
ward Murphy, captain; James B
New York, chief engineer; Ed B.
Florida, assistant engineer; Fr
of New York, first officer, and
Rios, of Spain, second off

Others on the steam
Crane, the novelist, who
souville for some time
Scovel, Franco Blanco
gomery, of Connectic
Julius Rodbar, Ramo
nandez, of Cuba;
Rhode Island; Jonas
Murray Nobles, of
Gonzales, Miguel F
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vier, Marbury Neede
Louis Sierra, I. D. P

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